

and Melinda" could not be put on again this season without Miss Garden, although Mr. Hammerstein thinks he could get somebody to do this role also if put to it.

Before he got Miss Garden's letter, Mr. Hammerstein gave out this statement:

In relation to my contracts with my artists I generally make two of them. One is a written one, the other an unwritten one. The latter is based upon mutual respect and loyalty. Miss Garden has ever been loyal and faithful to me. Our relations are of the most friendly character. If the occurrence had caused her anguish I deem it my duty to remove the cause.

Following the receipt of Miss Garden's letter, Mr. Hammerstein called in the copy for this morning's advertisement and left a blank where the announcement for the evening of Saturday week had been. He explained that perhaps he would put another opera on that night in order that nothing might be done which would impede the peaceful settlement of the difficulty. He was confident, however, that Miss Garden would sing *These* some time this season, and for probably the four performances first suggested.

"I am very anxious to do whatever I can to aid Miss Garden in those fifteen performances of *Salome*," he said, "and the first thing necessary is to remove some of her other work from her calendar. With *Salome*, *Thais*, *Melinda* and the *Jongleur*—all of them popular—it is an absolute impossibility for her to add a new performance. I am sure she will understand why I engaged Miss Garden."

So everything will be done, Mr. Hammerstein is able to get the two sopranos together and talk things over.

In Paris last summer, Cavalieri sang *Thais* at the Grand Opera and it was Miss Garden that her own appearance in the role was postponed for several weeks on account of operative indisposition.

#### TRAIN RENAMES PROVIDENCE.

An "Allwise President," says Mr. Post-Graduate, was the name.

There was a large gathering of doctors at the annual dinner of the directors and faculty of the New York Post-Graduate Medical School at Delmonico's last evening, and they listened to many speeches. President George N. Miller presided, and remarking that there was a fine bunch of fireworks to be set off started with Mark Twain.

Mr. Clement said that he had been sorry ever since his September burglars had been sent to jail, because they really did him a very great service—they scared off all the servants on the place. He spoke of the great services of the post-graduate school in bringing 1,000 physicians here from all parts of the country, bringing them up to date and sending them back with renewed confidence. He thought they surely were worth 1,000 lives which otherwise would be lost.

He said that he had been practicing himself for seven months, up in the course, and he stated that he was going to approach a person whom an all-wise President—Providence—had brought forth, anyway, it is the same thing, he went on, "say fit to afflict with disaster." He struck an automatic switch, however, and went off to say that in thinking it out he always thought first that the disease was a case of suicide. That was the only rational disease he knew of.

Dr. Charles L. Dana spoke of the belief in some quarters that the post-graduate education physicians should be needed; that they would be mere clerks in a great sanitary trust or hygienic bureaucracy. An enlightening and witty speaker, always, he thought, demand the highest medical advice or it would soon cease to be enlightening.

Dr. Adams, Dr. McGill University, remarked that it seemed terrible to see the way the undergraduate went out into the world to do his house work, and he had a hearty goodnight to the Post-Graduate School.

Dr. Bache, Emmet, Dr. W. S. Thayer of Johns Hopkins, Dr. J. H. Lusk, Dr. Musser of Philadelphia and Dr. Simon Flexner of the Rockefeller Institute also spoke.

#### ON CALLING TERMS.

Congressman Describes the Relations of White House and Capitol.

Congressman Fred C. Stevens of St. Paul told the members of the Minnesota Society at their dinner at the Waldorf last night that the recent amenities between the Capitol at Washington and the White House had reminded his colleague, Adam Bede of Minnesota, of the Irish woman who was asked if she was on calling terms with her neighbor across the fence.

"Oh, sure," was the way Congressman Stevens quoted the lady. "She said, 'I am a liar, the morn and I called her a thief and a rascalion.'"

Mr. Stevenson went on to say that the people of the middle West were assured that even when Roosevelt is out of the President's chair, the campaign for greater regulation of the trusts will continue.

"Congress," he said, "is determined not to repeal the Sherman act until it knows that the repeal of that law will leave proper protection to the people; that the law if amended shall be amended so that it can and will be enforced and that the proper machinery for its enforcement shall be provided."

Eugene C. Hay, the president of the society, Timothy E. Byrne of the New Haven Railroad, C. A. Severance, A. B. Stickney, Samuel Hill, son of James J. George, Brainerd, and the president of the Minnesota Society, John Washburn, the four manufacturers of Minneapolis, E. W. Winter, president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, F. S. Searles, John F. Childers, and E. H. Ozmun, Consul-General at Constantinople, were among those present.

Mr. Byrne, who was elected president of the society for the current year, told the brethren how he remembered as a boy when little children and the poets of Minnesota and he drove an ox cart containing the household effects to a stockade forty miles away. C. A. Severance and Consul-General Ozmun also spoke.

#### PRESBYTERIANS PUZZLED.

What to Do With a Brother Who Wants a Letter to the Christian Scientists.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Jan. 20.—What to do with an application of a Presbyterian layman for a letter of dismissal to a Christian Science church puzzled the members of the Morris and Orange Presbyterian meeting while in session here yesterday. After an hour's discussion the members decided to refer the question to the committee on sessional records, to report at the April meeting.

The request for the letter came from a member of the Highland Memorial Church at Essex. The church, laws covering the granting of letters of dismissal were looked up and read, but did not seem to cover clearly the case.

"The member of the Highland Memorial Church has applied in proper form for his letter," said the Rev. William P. Kewley of Madison, one of the moderators of the meeting, "but the question is, Can such a letter be issued? Christian Science is not recognized as an evangelical church by the Presbyterian denomination."

Then asked the Rev. Robert H. Nichols, the stated clerk, read the rule in the case, which says that the church to which the member is to be recommended must be named.

"Put him on the reserved roll," suggested the Rev. Alexander MacCall, pastor of the South Street Church of this city, "where he can be buried for the time being."

The Rev. David J. Burrell of Orange declared that this wasn't a satisfactory solution and said that there seemed to him no way for a member of the Presbyterian denomination to go to the Christian Scientist Church except by excommunication or expulsion.

#### FIRE IN LAKE CRIB KILLS 48

88 MEN MAROONED ON BLAZING ISLAND OF TIMBERS.

Many Are Burned to Death and Others Flee Into Lake to Be Frozen or Drowned Before Help Can Come—Powder Explosion Starts Fire.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Forty-eight workmen lost their lives and two score more were injured this morning in a fire which destroyed the intermediate crib, a mile and a half off Seventy-third street, in Lake Michigan used by George W. Jackson, a contractor, in the construction of a new water tunnel.

A force of eighty-eight men who lived at the crib and worked in shifts was on the structure when the fire began. Forty-two, all more or less seriously injured, were rescued by tugs and brought to shore, whence they were taken to hospitals.

Confined in a fiery prison, with all means of communication with the shore cut off and the icy waters of Lake Michigan all about them, the workmen made a desperate fight for their lives which was witnessed by crowds on the shore. As soon as the alarm was given prompt measures of relief were taken, but the quick spread of the flames in the wooden structure and the distance to be covered made these efforts all but fruitless.

The fire originated in the powder magazine in the first landing. Many of the employees were asleep in bunks and others were going to work when a sheet of flame shot through the building.

Among those reported dead are John Connors, assistant superintendent; John McDonald, timekeeper; William Scully, laborer; John Thorpe, cook at the crib; James Donaldson, hoisting engineer; Edward Weir, hoisting engineer; Edward Scanlon, hoisting engineer; John Jefferson, hoisting engineer; and George Williams, superintendent of tunnel workings.

Many were burned to death before they could reach the doors. Others, their clothes aflame, leaped into the icy water, and many, unable to swim, sank beneath the surface. Others swam to cakes of ice to support themselves until relief came.

The fire began at about 8 o'clock. Within a few minutes a telephone message was received at the offices on shore saying:

"The crib is on fire. For God's sake send help at once or a dozen or more of our men will be killed."

The flames spread rapidly. It was only a few moments after the first alarm that a mass of fire and attracted attention all over Hyde Park and Woodlawn. Hundreds of persons gathered on the shore and along the lake front, and Grand Crossing police stations packed up and down the lake front, powerless to render aid. Ambulances were soon sent, but the imprisoned men could not be reached.

The tug Morford was moored alongside the crib when the fire broke out. Twenty-six of the men were picked up by the boat, which was compelled to leave the crib by the heat. An explosion of the crib and the tug was compelled to make for shore, leaving men who were hanging to ice cakes and debris in the lake. As the tug steamed away some of the despairing men were seen to choose death rather than torture and to jump into the water.

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#### SON MISSING WITH FATHER.

Mrs. Sloane Asks Police Help to Recover Five-Year-Old Boy.

Mrs. Mabel Sloane, who lives at 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, went to the detective bureau last evening and told Lieut. Foster that she wanted the police to find her husband, George W. Sloane, Jr., who, she declared, had run away with their five-year-old boy Kenneth. Mrs. Sloane, she said, gave up his position as an appraiser for the Title Guarantee and Trust Company three weeks ago on account of poor health and intended to take a trip. A few days ago he left home, and she thought, to travel for his health.

Last evening, Mrs. Sloane said, she came home at about 8 o'clock and found that her son was not there. The maid told her that Mr. Sloane had come to the house about 4 o'clock and taken the boy away, saying that they were going for a walk, and that he had left her enclosed a sum of money. Her husband, she said, had called her and wished, but did not tell her his destination.

Mrs. Sloane told the detectives that her husband had been acting queerly, and that they had the usual disagreement of married people, but that there had been no court proceedings. She would not charge against him and the police are in somewhat of a quandary as to what right they had to arrest Mr. Sloane. His brother, Mrs. Sloane said, is J. Parker Sloane, a real estate dealer of Greenpoint, living in Manhattan.

#### Carnegie Library for Summit, N. J.

SUMMIT, Jan. 20.—The announcement is made that Andrew Carnegie has agreed to give to this city a library worth \$50,000, to be erected on a \$20,000 site given by the Summit Home Land Company, at Maple street and Morris avenue. The plot fronts 175 feet on Maple street and 225 on Morris avenue, and is one of the most desirable in the city.

One of the women's wife said her husband had called out for a few minutes before he was found. "All right, Molly, I'll be down as soon as I can get on my trousers," he said that he had been sleeping while she sat with her four young children. The damage was estimated at \$2,000.

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#### LINCOLN MEMORIAL PLANS.

Suggestion for Permanent Tribute Here Not Acted Upon.

The executive committee of the Lincoln centenary committee discussed yesterday at a meeting in the City Hall the suggestion that the city ought to mark the anniversary by some kind of a permanent memorial.

Tax Commissioner Hugh Hastings, the chairman of the committee, suggested that in view of the public sentiment in favor of some permanent tribute it might be well to start a fund. President McGowan suggested a Lincoln museum in Central Park for the storing and exhibition of Lincoln relics.

Joseph H. Choate spoke against the proposal, intimating that the committee's duty was only to arrange the details of the celebration in this city. Mr. Choate said that Congress was already taking steps to erect a memorial and suggested that it would be more advisable to wait and see what Congress would do. On his advice the committee left the matter in abeyance.

As the committee will only have \$25,000 to spend, it was concluded not to arrange for the decoration of the City Hall. A resolution was adopted asking the Mayor to issue a proclamation calling on the residents of the city to decorate their homes. President Roosevelt will also be asked to order the firing of the national salute on every vessel of the United States at noon on February 12, and Gov. Hughes will be requested to have the State batteries fire a similar salute.

The Lincoln centennial endowment committee, which is raising a \$500,000 endowment for Lincoln Memorial University, Tennessee, met yesterday at the Waldorf-Astoria and heard a report from the committee for collecting subscriptions in the large cities. There will be a benefit at the Metropolitan House on the afternoon of February 9. Elihu Root, Secretary of State, and Robert Bacon, the Assistant Secretary, have contributed \$1,000 each to the fund.

#### LINCOLN DAY IN THE SCHOOLS.

Each of the Forty-six Districts to Have a Night Meeting for Citizens.

Arrangements have been completed for the observance of the Lincoln centenary in the public schools on February 12. Exercises will be held in each school at 10:30 o'clock and will close with the reading of the Gettysburg address.

In the evening a meeting for citizens will be held in a school in each of the forty-six school districts. There will be singing by choruses of 200 children and an address by the list of speakers include Joseph H. Choate at Public School 43 in The Bronx, Justice Victor J. Dowling at Public School 65, Horace White at Public School 45, Edwin Marchant at Public School 46, Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis at the Girls High School in Brooklyn, Justice George of the Supreme Court at the Manual Training High School in Brooklyn and John F. McIntyre at the Bryant High School in Queens.

#### WHAT AILS SOUTH JERSEY?

Strange Conduct Ever Though This Is the Hot Apple Tossing Season.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20.—All south Jersey had passed out to-day hunting the "Leeds devil," the strange monstrosity, according to all accounts, which has been leaping, flying, running and hopping over the towns in that section for the last week. The devil is a creature of the air, and the last two days began to believe there is something stranger than usual about South Jersey.

The "devil" leaves two tracks like those of a pony, the cloven hoofs being clear. It walks on two legs and shows a facility in scaling six foot fences and leaving its tracks a mile apart that has made south Jersey argue that it has wings. Its tracks were found to-day in Philadelphia in two places, 4521 Sanson street and 2337 North Sixteenth street. Its course ranges from Woodbury, Salem, Gloucester, Clayton, Williamstown, Glassboro and all the towns in Cumberland county.

The "devil" gets its name from the fact that thirty-five years ago there was a similar appearance, of which the tracks started from a cave at Leeds' Corners in Cumberland county. In Gloucester it has been seen. Nelson Evans, a paper hanger living at 208 Mercer street, Gloucester City, declares that he and his wife saw the "devil" on the roof of their back shed. White faced and trembling, Evans entered police headquarters there this morning.

"About 2 o'clock this morning," said the paperhanger, "my wife and I were aroused by a noise on our shed roof. I went to the window and looked out and when I called to her, we saw the strange beast or bird. I don't know which, but we heard of it."

"It was about three feet and a half high, with a head like a collie dog and a face like a horse. It had a long neck, wings about two feet long, and its hind legs were like those of a crane. It had horns like those of a crane, and its hind legs and held up two short front legs with paws on them. It did not use the front legs at all while we were watching it. We hid."

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300 BUSINESS MEN JOIN IN LOVE FEAST TO HIM.

Majority Not Mentioned, but the Avalanche of Compliments Seemed to Point That Way—And, as Mr. Metz Says, It's a Job Any Man Would Like.

Comptroller Metz, who has attended more dinners in honor of other persons than any other man in New York—he says so himself—was himself the guest of honor of about 500 business men at the Waldorf-Astoria last night. No special organization or organizations of business entertained the feast. His hosts were men of affairs in Brooklyn and Manhattan who responded to the call of a dinner committee to come along and whoop it up for a regular fellow.

Mr. Metz refused to believe that the dinner was arranged to launch his boom for Mayor, and none of the men who were responsible for the dinner and the avalanche of compliments would admit that the banquet had been designed as a sort of hot air report for the distinction of one large boom, but there was a pretty strong idea that the men who attended the dinner, Republicans as well as Democrats, wouldn't complain bitterly if Metz agreed to be a candidate.

There were no speeches on that particularly subject, however. Politics were in the air, but Mr. Metz himself said, informally, that he hoped nobody would say that he ought to run for Mayor. If anybody was so indiscreet, he would be quickly and easily silenced, and said that he wasn't seeking the office.

The speaker remarked the Comptroller, "a man who says he wouldn't be Mayor of New York is a damn fool!"

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